

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Communications Assistance for)	ET Docket No. 04-295
Law Enforcement Act and)	
Broadband Access and Services)	
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**COMMENTS OF THE SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION
IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

The Satellite Industry Association (“SIA”) hereby comments in support of the motion of the United States Department of Justice (“DOJ”) for an extension of time for interested parties to file reply comments on the Commission’s Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“Notice”) in the above-captioned proceeding.¹ DOJ requests an additional two weeks, until December 21, 2004, for parties to file reply comments. SIA filed initial comments in this proceeding on November 8, 2004, and is actively working on its reply comments, but believes that an additional two weeks would allow it and other parties to prepare more complete and meaningful analysis of the issues and arguments reflected in the initial comment record.

This record in this proceeding is already voluminous, addressing a broad range of complex issues raised by the Commission’s detailed Notice. Reflecting the importance and complexity of the issues raised in this proceeding, over 40 parties filed initial comments, totaling over 1000 pages. The resulting record addresses difficult and highly technical issues that require careful analysis. The ability of parties to perform this analysis is itself further complicated, moreover, by the intervening Thanksgiving holiday.

¹ *Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act and Broadband Access and Services*, CC Docket No. 04-295, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC-04-187 (Aug. 9, 2004).

In light of these circumstances, the modest extension of time DOJ seeks is reasonable and should be granted. The resulting brief delay is highly unlikely to prejudice any party. To the contrary, it will provide a significant benefit by allowing all parties to prepare more thoughtful and complete reply comments.

For the reasons stated above, the SIA urges the Commission to grant the motion of the DOJ to extend the reply comment deadline in this proceeding from December 7, 2004, to December 21, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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